

National Republican.

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

CEREMONIAL OF LAYING THE CORNER STONE OF THE CHRISTIAN BRETHREN'S SCHOOL AND OF THE SCHOOL OF THE ACADEMY OF MARY.—Yesterday afternoon the corner stone of the building to be used as a school, under the Christian Brothers, was laid by the most Rev. Archbishop Spalding in the square attached to St. Patrick's church, on F street. The new building will have a front of fifty-four feet on G street, extending back 112 feet. It will be three stories high, and accommodate about 400 children. On the second floor there will be a large hall which will seat over 1,200 persons. The ceremony of blessing the corner-stone was performed by the Archbishop, after which he spoke of the necessity of education and the great good which would be derived from the school.

The Sunday services from the various Catholic churches, the children from St. Vincent's Male Orphan Asylum were present. The Calvert Cornet Band, composed of youths between the ages of 15 and 18 years, under the leadership of Prof. J. M. Drane, from the Christian Brothers' school, in Baltimore, were in attendance and performed some excellent pieces of music, drawing great praise from all present. About 3,000 persons witnessed the ceremony.

The corner-stone of the academy to be attached to the Convent of Mary was laid at three o'clock in the afternoon in the square adjoining St. Alphonsus church, on I street. Rev. Father Wigst officiated, and the sermon was delivered by Rev. Father White, of St. Matthew's church. This school will be under the Sisters of Mercy. Contributions were taken at each place and a handsome sum of money realized.

SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS.—On Saturday the Male Intermediate School of the First District, Miss Amelia Kirk, teacher, was examined by Messrs. Brown and Tustin in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends, and passed a very good examination. Addresses were delivered by the examining trustees.

Secondary No. 1, Second District, Miss Thomas, teacher, and Secondary No. 3, Miss Tucker, teacher, were examined by Mr. Shees. The pupils answered the questions promptly and passed a very creditable examination.

In the Third District, Secondary No. 1, Miss Addie Thompson, teacher, was examined by Mr. Clarke, and, as usual, passed an excellent examination. Miss Thompson has been teaching for several years and is one of the best teachers in the city. The examining trustees expressed himself much pleased with their answer.

In the Fourth District the Female Grammar School, Mrs. Armidon, teacher, was examined by Messrs. Holmed, Cassell, Wilson, Woodward, and Walsh. The examination fully sustained the reputation of the school, which is said to be one of the best in the city. Many of the public school teachers are graduates of Miss. Armidon's school. Addresses were delivered by the Examining Trustees, and both teacher and pupils were complimented. A number of relatives and friends were present, and expressed themselves as highly pleased.

To the following schools will be examined: First District—The Female Intermediate, by Messrs. Wilson and Tustin. Second District—Secondaries Nos. 4 and 5, by Messrs. Rheem and Woodward. Third District—Secondaries Nos. 2 and 3, by Messrs. Johnson and Walsh. Fourth District—Male Grammar School, by Messrs. Holmed, Murtagh, Cassell, Brown, and Clarke.

HEAVY HORROR.—ARREST OF THE ROBBER.—On Monday last Mr. James H. Richards, who resides at the corner of Sixth street east and G street south, near the Navy Yard, appeared before Superintendent Richards, and complained that his safe had been robbed of over three thousand dollars in gold, and interest-bearing notes. The case was assigned to Detectives Clarke and McDevitt, and they commenced work. Circumstances pointed toward Dr. Edward Leon, who had an office on Pennsylvania Avenue between 12th and 13th streets, and 6th street, for some time past, and who is a brother-in-law of Mr. Richards. It was ascertained that Leon had suddenly left the city. Mr. McDevitt immediately went in pursuit, and in New York secured the services of Detectives Farley and Justice of that city. After searching for four days, Leon was arrested in front of the Fifth Avenue Hotel and handed over to Mr. McDowell, who arrived here with him on Saturday morning.

He was taken to Police Headquarters and had a hearing before Superintendent Richards on Saturday afternoon, when he was held for his appearance at the Criminal Court in default of \$5,000 bail. The prisoner confessed he took the money, and \$600 in gold with \$1,200 in notes were found in his trunk. Leon came to this city about four years ago as a hospital steward in the army. He was subsequently employed in a drug store as clerk, but for the past year had had an office under the name of Dr. Leon.

THE CLEPHANE LITER. CASE.—In the Circuit Court, on Saturday morning, the case of Francis McManus against Lewis Clephane, action for libel, was resumed, and Judge Olin delivered his charge. He told the jury:

In ascertaining whether the publication charged is libelous you have a right and should take into consideration the condition of the country at the time the paper was written. You will not fail to find that the rebellion was at its height, and that the rebellion was waged on the one hand for the dismemberment of the Union, and on the other, as I have always supposed, for its preservation.

Those who engaged in the late rebellion for the subversion of the Government by the forces of arms were by the Constitution and laws guilty of a great crime, and it is chargeable with disloyalty at such a time, especially with sympathizing with persons thus engaged, is seditious.

In the first place you will inquire what causes for believing the charge made to be true?

If the charge was false; if the defendant had no reasonable ground, such as an ordinarily prudent man would not act upon, for believing it to be true, then he is liable for damages in this action.

This action cannot be maintained by showing simply that the defendant believed the statement to be true. It must be shown that the plaintiff was only false, but made without probable cause. By probable cause there must be that degree of proof which would convince the mind of an ordinarily intelligent and prudent man of the truth of the fact alleged.

The case was given to the jury about eleven o'clock, and they retired to their room. After waiting some time the court adjourned, directing the jurors to render a sealed verdict if they should agree. About one o'clock the jury came into the court room with a sealed verdict, which will be opened this morning when the court meets.

A CHANCE FOR NICH. YOUNG MURKIN.—The following notice was posted in the neighborhood of our church yesterday:

Wanted.—One hundred and seventy-five young men, of all shapes and sizes, from the tall, graceful, dandy, with hair enough on his upper works to stuff a barber's cushion, down to the little hump-backed, frog-faced, crooked-legged, carpet-headed upstart. The object is to find a fine, fat, healthy, well-grown boy, who, in the opinion of the committee, will be the comeliest of divine service, to stare at the females as they enter, and to make delicate and gentlemanly remarks on their persons and dress. All who wish to enlist in the above corps will appear at the door of the church on each Sabbath morning, where they will be duly inspected, and their names, personal appearance and quantity of brain registered in a book kept for that purpose.

To prevent a general rush, it would be well to state that none will be enlisted who possess intellectual capacities above that of a well-bred donkey.

D. D.—The above letters are not alone the initials for "dead duck." They suggest dead dog.

In this particular paragraph we mean the dead dog that has been allowed to remain on Pennsylvanian Avenue, near Ninth street, since the mammoth and unfortunate canine was crushed to death about noon last Saturday. It has bleated in the moonlight and bled to the sunlight ever since. It is an ornament to the city, and a credit to the Health Officers thereof. Touch it not; and, like most D. D., it will disappear by the natural course of events.

BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES.—A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of Public Schools was held on Saturday evening in their room, at the City Hall, Mr. James P. Tustin, of the first district, in the chair. Present, Messrs. Wilson, Brown, Nash, Woodward, Clark, Johnson, and Holmed.

Mr. Holmed presented a communication from Leavenworth Phiney & Co., asking that no action be had, in regard to the adoption of Readers until Saunders' new series of Union Readers be submitted to the members.

The same gentleman presented a communication from the agent relative to the purchase of eight copies of Littlefield's picture of the death-bed scene of President Lincoln, to be placed in the grammar schools. Postponed until the July meeting.

FOREIGN NEWS.—The Pickwickian War of Europe—Vague Reports of Probable Hostilities.

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